

Hello Friends,

It's time once more to bring you up-to-date on Richard's activities. During the month of March Richard performed a medley of Carpenter tunes on the National Easter Seal Telethon. This was televised from the Aquarius Theater in Hollywood. Pat Boone and Donna Mills co-hosted. On March 10th Richard was guest speaker for the National Academy of Songwriter's Workshop. He opened the evening with a brief history of the Carpenters and answered a number of questions on songwriting techniques and on the record business.

Richard was invited to be Honorary Judge at the 14th annual Vintage Fresno Concours d'Elegance. The event took place on May 4th and all proceeds went to benefit the Children's Home Society and Kiwanis International. Richard entered three automobiles in two classes. (He did not judge them, however.) In the Chrysler 300 Class his 1957 300C convertible won First Place and his 1955 C300 won Second. In the Special Interest Class 1946-1959 his 1959 Desoto Adventurer took First Place.

Since the remodeling of A&M Recording studios is nearing completion, Richard has been able to book some studio time and continue with his album. Roger and he mixed five of the songs that had been previously completed and from July 8th thru July 10th rhythm tracks were recorded for an additional five songs. (Four of which are Richards.) Due to the remodeling taking longer then expected, the release date of the album will be postponed until early 1987.

In answer to all your questions concerning the TV movie, Richard met with scriptwriter Barry Morrow on June 19th. The meeting covered more "fine tuning" on the second draft of the script. Barry is again at work on the project and we will keep you informed.

The CD of "Made In America" was released on June 30th. This brings the total of Carpenter albums available in this format to nine. They are as follows:

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| 1. Close To You | 6. Christmas Portrait |
| 2. A Song For You | 7. Made In America |
| 3. Now And Then | 8. Voice Of The Heart |
| 4. Singles '69-'73 | 9. Yesterday Once More |
| 5. Horizon | |

The remaining four: "Ticket To Ride", "Carpenters", "A Kind Of Hush", and "Passage" will be released within the next two months.

The month of August will find Richard and Mary traveling to Dearborn, Michigan to attend the First Annual Motor Muster. This affair is being presented in conjunction with the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, and will take place on August 9th and 10th. Richard was asked by the museum staff to become a member of a committee of automobile aficionados who will aid in the organization of this event. From Dearborn, they will fly to Orlando, Florida where Richard will again be performing at EPCOT Center on August 15th, 16th, and 17th, this time with the Florida Symphony Orchestra.

An updated keepsake brochure is now at the printers. One will be included with each order. At your request we will send you a brochure if you forward a legal sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope. The new sweat shirts will be pictured as well as the '73 poster, a bumper sticker, a new stationery pad with logo, and five new photographs.

We discovered a carton of Carpenter book covers in our "infamous" storage room. We are enclosing one complimentary book cover with each poster order.

Richard is delighted with the numerous complimentary letters concerning the "Yesterday Once More" video. There is much interest in the taping of each song so Richard kindly wrote a synopsis for your benefit:

"We've Only Just Begun" - From the Carpenters' second appearance with Bob Hope. This "Hope Special" guest shot (fall of 1973) coincided with the release of the Carpenters' first domestic "greatest hits" album "The Singles 1969-1973".

"Those Good Old Dreams" - This "promo clip" was one of three selections videotaped in 1981 from that year's Carpenters' release, "Made In America". The remaining two are "Touch Me When We're Dancing" and "Beechwood 4-5789". All three were taped on the "Chaplin Stage" at A&M Records.

"Superstar" - This is an A&M "promo film" shot in early 1971 at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas. The Carpenters' were appearing at the "Sands" at the time but the Desert Inn was selected for the film due to its larger stage.

"Rainy Days And Mondays" - This was filmed the same day and in the same location as "Superstar".

"All You Get From Love Is A Love Song" - This song was the debut single from the Carpenters' 1977 album "Passage". This A&M "promo film" was shot early that year in A&M Studio's studio D where, starting in 1974, Karen and Richard did most of their recording.

"Top Of The World" - This performance is from "The Carpenters' Very First Television Special" for ABC, 1976. The special featured John Denver and Victor Borge as guests. It was produced by Rich Eustis and Al Rogers and was directed by Bill Davis.

"Ticket To Ride" - The earliest "clip" in the compilation, "Ticket" is from a syndicated pop music show called "Something Else". It was shot on location in Squaw Valley, California on Karen's birthday, March 2nd, in 1970.

"Only Yesterday" - An A&M "promo film" from 1975. "Only Yesterday" was filmed in Studio D and on location at Huntington Gardens in Pasadena, California.

"Calling Occupants Of Interplanetary Craft" - The second single culled from 1977's "Passage", "Occupants" was taped at Vidtronics in Hollywood, California, using the newly introduced "Magicam" format.

"Beechwood 4-5789" - The 4th single from "Made In America". Shot in 1981 on the Chaplin Stage.

"Touch Me When We're Dancing" - The debut single from "Made In America", this turned out to be the Carpenters' last top 20 single. Taped in 1981 at the Chaplin Stage.

"Hurting Each Other" - The debut single from the Carpenters' 1972 album release "A Song For You". "Hurting Each Other" was filmed in Studio B at A&M Recording Studios in early 1972.

"Please Mr. Postman" - Another A&M "promo film". "Please Mr. Postman" was shot in late 1974 at Disneyland. Footage of Karen and Richard on the Matterhorn Bobsleds mysteriously disappeared!!

"There's A Kind Of Hush" - This "clip" was shot in April of 1976 in Osaka, Japan, while the Carpenters' were on a month-long tour of that country.

(They Long To Be) "Close To You" - From the Carpenters' NBC summer series "Make Your Own Kind Of Music", 1971. The "stills" were added during "post production" of this compilation.

We've received many letters concerning the purchase of Carpenter albums and cassettes. The following is a list of those albums and cassettes available for purchase. The catalog number will help you in ordering from your local record store if they do not have what you are looking for in stock. (SP - album) (CS - cassette)

ALBUMS

CATALOG NUMBER

Yesterday Once More	6601
An Old Fashioned Christmas	3270
Voice Of the Heart	4954
Made In America	3723
Christmas Portrait	3210
Passage	3199
A Kind Of Hush	3197
Horizon	4530
The Singles 1969-1973	3601
Now & Then	3519
A Song For You	3511
Carpenters	3502
Close To You	3184
Ticket To Ride	4205

Until next time.

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